

Always Wear a Seat Belt

**Erie Police Department
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Annual Report**

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Essay

You need to always wear a seat belt because if you don't, and you got in a car wreck without wearing a seat belt you could get hurt or even die. Also if your mom or dad is driving and suddenly they stop you could then fall and bump into something. That could happen because if you don't have a seat belt on and your mom or dad stops you wouldn't have a seat belt to hold yourself back from hitting or bumping into something. That is why you should always wear a seat belt.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Erie Police Department is:

To communicate and work with the community to maintain a safe environment, prevent crime and enforce the law, while protecting the rights of all.

Values

As members of the Erie Police Department we proudly commit to the following values that will be used to guide our daily thoughts and actions,

*Integrity
Compassion
Dedication*

*Impartiality
Excellence
Courage*

Vision

To be a highly respected, well educated, professional police agency committed to leadership, unity and excellence.



Chief's Message

Greetings to all Erie Residents,

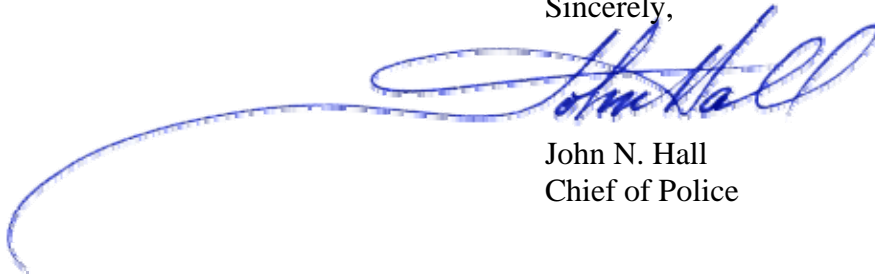
2007 represents the 10 year anniversary of the Community and Police Partnership Committee. C.A.P.P. is a citizen directed Police Department supported organization established to work with the Police Department to identify police and safety concerns and to work in partnership to find solutions that will help maintain the safety and quality of life in Erie. The past year is a great example of the success of this partnership. For example, 2007 statistics showed:

- A 43% decrease in Part I crimes reported to the FBI
- A 10% decrease in Vandalism.
- A 20% decrease in domestic violence
- A 18% decrease in DUI
- Overall the 10.5 crimes per thousand population for Erie is very low compared to other communities in Colorado.

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone that has participated in the various programs supported by C.A.P.P. or assisted the police department in anyway to help keep our community safe. The Police Department would like to take full credit for our safe community, but recognize that it is truly the citizens that make the difference. Those individuals that make the choice to voluntarily comply with the laws and are willing to get involved with the Police Department make a huge impact on the safety and quality of life in Erie.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions or want to know how you can get more involved feel free to contact the Police Department or me personally and we will continue to work together for the Town of Erie.

Sincerely,



John N. Hall
Chief of Police

Community Activities



The Citizen's and Police Partnership group, or C.A.P.P., was formed in 1997 as a group of concerned citizens who would work with the Erie Police Department to solve problems within the Town of Erie. In 2007 the C.A.P.P. committee organized focus neighborhood meetings for several neighborhoods in the town. At these meetings community members got to meet their Neighborhood Police Officer and learn about crime statistics within their particular neighborhood. 2007 saw the most people in the committee's 10 year history attend the monthly meetings. Members of this committee were also involved in every community event the police department participated in and their volunteer work is greatly appreciated.



C.A.P.P. Mission Statement: Erie Citizens working in partnership with the Police Department and the Town of Erie to ensure the quality of life in Erie through education, communication, and crime prevention.



COPS COACHING CHARACTER

In 2007 Officers of the Erie Police Department volunteered their time for the second annual Cops Coaching Character program. The officers worked with children between the ages of 10-12, meeting on Saturdays during the month of April to practice basic football skills and talk about character traits that would help the child succeed in all areas of life. Heath Irwin participated in the program in 2007. Heath had a 6 year NFL career as an offensive lineman with the New England Patriots, Miami Dolphins, St Louis Rams and he ended his career with the Denver Broncos.

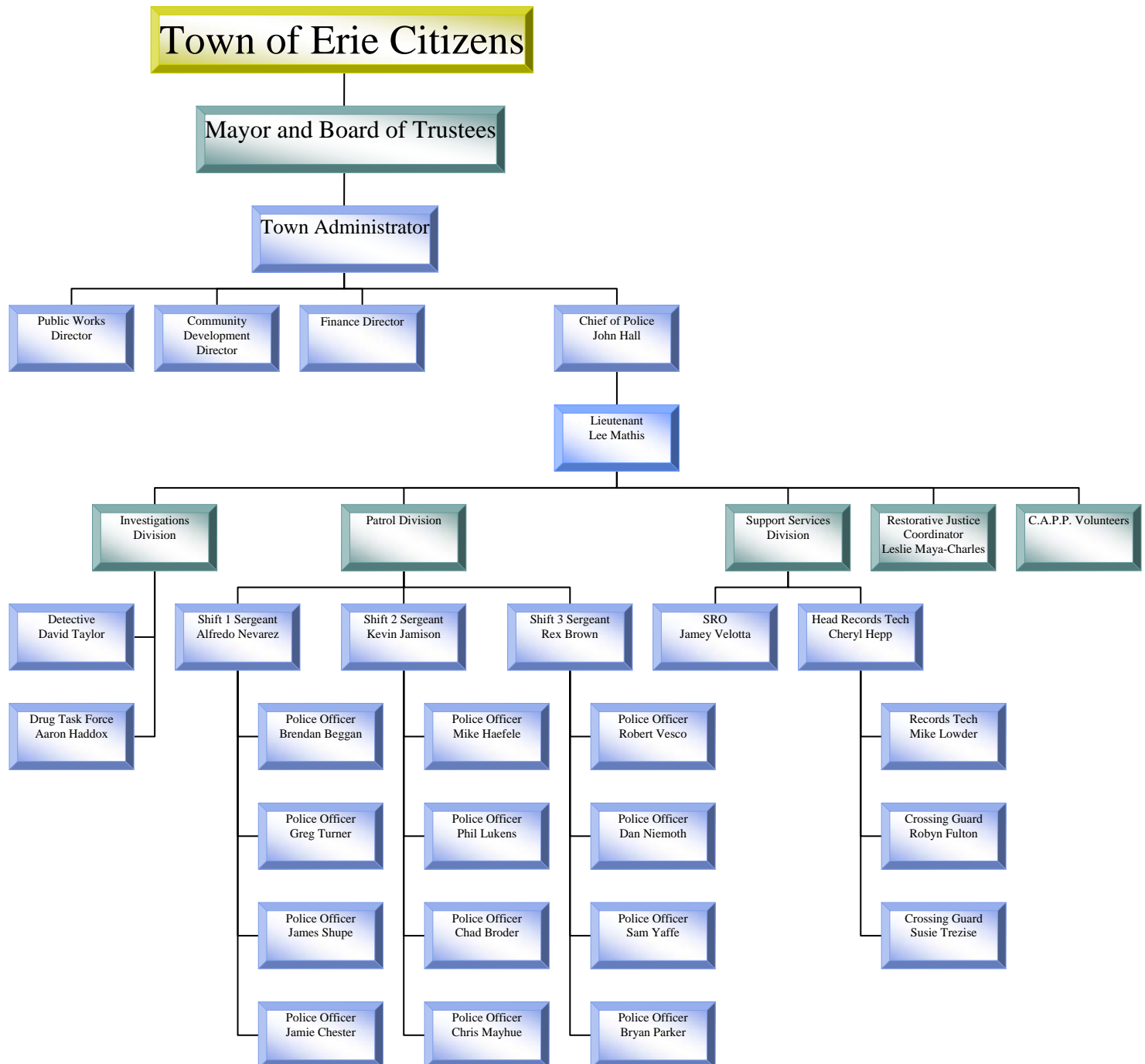


Citizen's Police Academy



Every Friday night from March 16th through May 18th, 2007 several citizens took time out from their busy schedules to attend The Erie Police Department's 7th session of the Citizen's Police Academy. During this academy the participants learned a little bit about what the Erie Police Department does and why it does it. This session of the Academy was attended by 2 Town Board Members, Cheryl Hauger and Tina Harris. At the close of the academy fun was had by all and several new friends were made along the way.

Erie Police Department 2007 Organizational Chart



2007 Crime Statistics

UCR Reported Crimes (Part 1 crimes)

CRIME	2005	2006	2007
MURDER	0	0	0
RAPE	0	1	1
ROBBERY	0	0	0
ASSAULT	52	63	35
BURGLARY	62	60	37
THEFT	99	110	64
AUTO THEFT	24	19	9
ARSON	8	5	4
TOTAL	246	260	150

Part 1 crimes are the crimes the Erie Police Department reports to the FBI for statistical purposes. The crimes above do not reflect any degree of seriousness of the offense. For example, a reported arson may be simply the lighting of a grass fire where no structures were damaged, or a theft may be a simple shoplifting.

Criminal Mischief

Another common crime which is not reported in the part I crimes is Criminal Mischief, or vandalism. This crime is common in many jurisdictions but in 2007 Criminal Mischief reports went down within the town of Erie compared to 2007.

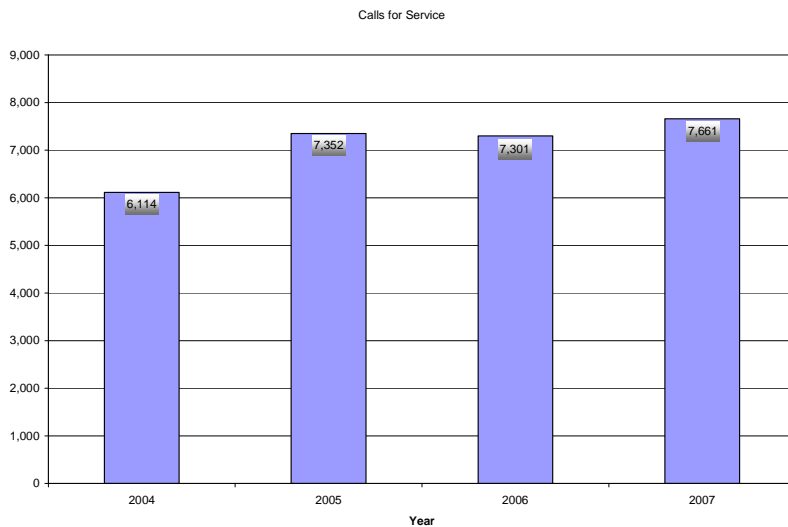
	2005	2006	2007
Criminal Mischief Reports	61	88	80

Domestic Violence Reports

	2005	2006	2007
Domestic Violence Reports	40	41	33

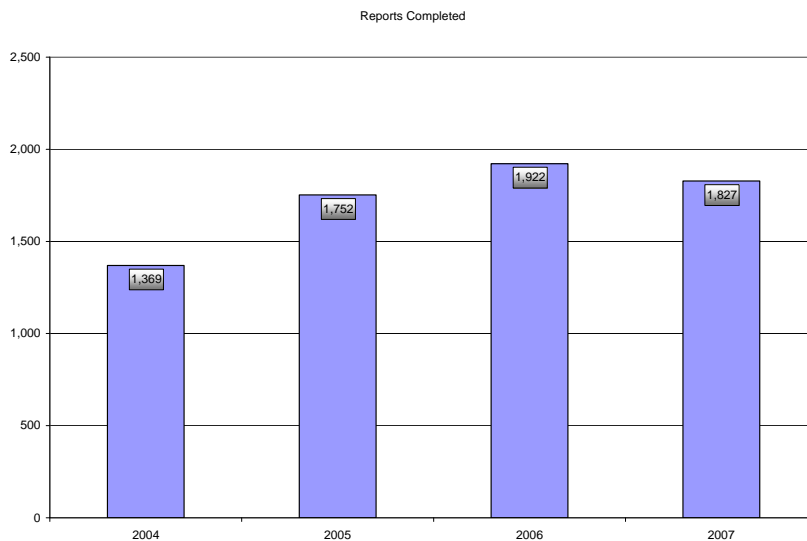
Domestic Violence in Colorado is defined as “an act or threatened act of violence upon a person with whom the actor is or has been involved in an intimate relationship.” A peace officer is required by law in Colorado to make an arrest of a suspect if there is probable cause to believe the suspect committed Domestic Violence.

Calls for Service



Calls for Service” refers to any time an Officer is dispatched to or calls out an incident on the radio.

Police Reports Completed



Officers will complete reports on all criminal incidents, and any other incident in which documentation of the officer’s actions is necessary and in the best interest of the Erie Police Department.

School Resource Officer

Officer Jamey Velotta continued his role as the School Resource Officer for all the schools within the town of Erie in 2007. This was Jamey's second year at the schools and he was responsible for patrolling and taking criminal reports in the Erie High School, Middle School and Elementary School. Officer Velotta also taught and presented on various subjects during the school year.



SRO Statistics

Approximate Hours in High School	1200
Approximate Hours in Middle School	10
Approximate Hours in Elementary School	3
Number of Reports Taken	28
Number of Classes Taught	2

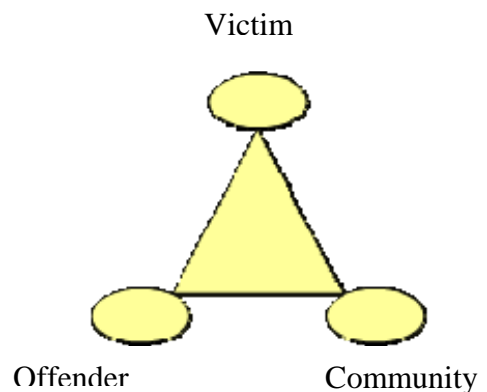
Restorative Justice Program

In the Restorative Justice Program first time juvenile offenders are given the opportunity to reintegrate into the community as someone who has taken responsibility for their actions and repaired the harm they have caused. Offenders sometimes are required to do community service, pay restitution or take other actions which help to repair the harm they caused.

Restorative Justice Statistics for 2007

Cases referred	10
Offenders participating	16
Victims participating	5
Misdemeanors	12
Felonies	1

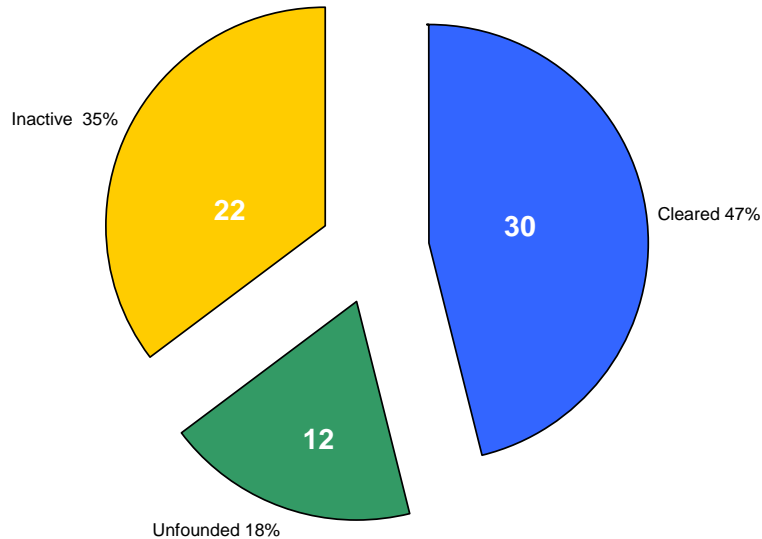
RJ Stake Holders



Investigations

A total of 64 cases were assigned to the Investigations division in 2007. The average number of days worked on each case was approximately 26 days. Narcotics cases, which require investigation beyond the scope of regular patrol officers, are generally handled by the Boulder County Drug Task Force.

Investigations Case Outcomes



A case is cleared if an arrest is made or if the case is solved, but cannot be prosecuted for some reason, such as the death of the suspect. A case is inactivated after all leads have been exhausted and there is no further investigation which can be done at that time. A case is unfounded if it is found the crime did not occur or it did not occur within the jurisdiction of the Erie Police Department. The National average clearance rate for crimes reported to law enforcement is approximately 30% for all crimes.

ARRESTS AND USE OF FORCE

Arrests for All Offenses

	2005	2006	2007
Adult	343	292	233
Juvenile	87	78	85
Total	430	370	318

Use of Force

Incidents where suspect was using alcohol or drugs	4
Uses of Force Resulting in Injury to suspect	1*
Uses of Force Resulting in Injury to Officer	1*
Total number of Use of Force Incidents in 2007	6
Percentage of Use of Force Compared to number of Arrests	1.9%

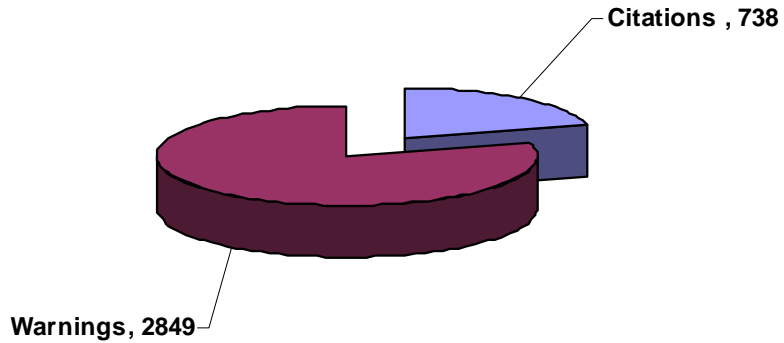
*All injuries were scrapes, cuts or minor injuries

The use of force in the Erie Police Department's written directives is defined as any action which may cause, is alleged to cause, or does cause injury to a person. By Erie Police Department policy the pointing of a firearm at an individual is considered a use of force.

Traffic Statistics

The concern most often expressed to the Police Department by citizens is generally regarding traffic safety within the Town of Erie. Below is a breakdown of citations and warnings given by officers during traffic stops made in 2007.

2007 Traffic Stops



3,587 Total Traffic Contacts

Traffic Accidents

	2005	2006	2007
Injury Accidents	16	20	10
Property Damage Accidents	89	84	119
Total	105	104	129

DUI Arrests

	2005	2006	2007
DUI Arrests	79	68	56

Miscellaneous Statistics

Citizen Complaints

Every complaint made by a citizen regarding the conduct of Erie Police Department Officers will be looked into. A complaint about minor conduct such as rudeness or similar issues may be handled by the Officer's supervisor. If a more severe complaint is made, such as a violation of a criminal nature, or serious misconduct, a formal internal investigation will commence. Below are the statistics for the citizen complaints that were made to the police administration during 2007.

	Total # of Complaints	Sustained	Insufficient Evidence	Unfounded	Policy/Training Failure
# of Complaints	7	2	0	5	0

Animal Control

Erie Police Officers are responsible for Animal Control in the Town of Erie. Below are some statistics relating to animal control performed by the Erie Police Department in 2007.

General Animal Complaints*	Animal Bite Calls	Animals Impounded by Officers	Animal related citations issued
131	9	74	13

*Includes Barking Dog, Animal neglect, and other types of Animal Complaints

Looking for Somebody to do Something For....



Chief John Hall



Lt. Lee Mathis



Sgt Alfredo Nevarez



Sgt Kevin Jamison



Sgt Rex Brown



Det. Dave Taylor



Cpl. Mike Haefele



Ofc. Robert Vesco



Ofc. Brendan Beggan



Ofc. Phil Lukens



Ofc. Greg Turner



Ofc. Jamey Velotta



Ofc. James Shupe



Ofc. Jamie Chester



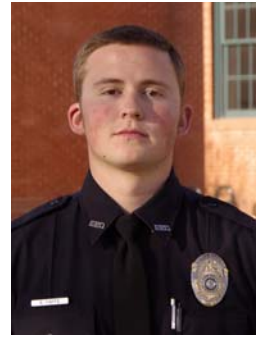
Ofc. Chad Broder



Ofc. Chris Mayhue



Ofc. Dan Niemoth



Ofc. Sam Yaffe



Head Records Tech
Cheryl Hepp



Records Tech
Mike Lowder



Restorative Justice
Leslie Maya-Charles

Serving the Town of Erie with *Integrity,*
Compassion, Dedication, Impartiality, Excellence
and *Courage* in 2007*

*Detective Aaron Haddox not pictured

